

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Robert A. Luciano, Jr. <i>et al.</i>	Examiner:	Hsu, Ryan
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AMENDMENT / REPLY AFTER NONFINAL OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is timely filed in response to the Office action of September 6, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1, 3-20, 23-31, 33-37, 39-41 and 43-46 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 20, 33 and 41 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 1-6 of Luciano *et al.* (US 6,685,559). Claims 1, 3-14, 17-20, 25-31, 33-35, 37, 39-41 and 44-46 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilms (US 5,277,424) and Congello, Jr. (US 6,296,569), and further in view of Rowe *et al.* (US 6,682,421). Claims 15-16, 23-24, 36, and 43 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilms and Congello, Jr. and Rowe *et al.* as applied to claims above, and further view of Skratulia (US 5,690,335). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims.